production of Marble and Stone in a cumulative way. However, Sales Tax Department of Government of Rajasthan has been able to realiseRs. 1453 lakhs as revenue during 1998-99 and Rs. 1331.65 lakh for April to January 1999-2000 from the sale of Marble by Marble produced in Makrana.

(d) Several steps have been taken by the Government of Rajasthan to save this Industry. Rajasthan Finance Corporation have taken over seven industrial units which were closed due to default in payment. The details in respect of construction of the Roads which are under consideration are as follows:—

Route	Distance	Cost (Estimated)
Makrana-Jorawar Road	5Km	350 Lakh
Makrana Bye-Pass Road	5Km	140 Lakh
Makrana Bidiya Road	6Km	150 Lakh
Makrana Basari Road	2Km	40 Lakh
Makrana-Kasauli Road	1.5 Km	35 Lakh
Makrana Mataghar Road	2Km	40 Lakh

Contributions of Regional Research Laboratory, Jorhat

1851. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the major contributions.of the Regional Research laboratory, Jorhat, Assam, in suggesting viable local industry and other employment-oriented enterprise;

(b) the details of action plan Finalised to utilise this infratructure for creating viable employment generating projects based on locally available resources of the region; and

(c) the total allocation and achievements made with regard to the above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCEAND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) The Regional Research Laboratory (RRL), Jorhat, has contributed by way of developing approptiate technologies for establishing local industiy based on available resources of the North-East for cultivation and extraction of aromatic plants, vertical shaft kiln mini cement

plants, oil field chemicals, plant based drugs, horticulture crops and utilisation of agricultural waste.

(b) and (c) The 9th Five Year Plan of the RRL envisages development of technologies for utilising local resources and creating employment in the field of agriculture, commercial propagation of medicinal plants, improvement of mugga silk worm culture, up-gradation of existing technology with improved energy efficiency for cement manufacture, additives for benefication of coal from North-East Region and utilisation of agricultural waste for cement paper etc. The total plan allocation for RRL, Jorhat, for the 9th Five Year Plan is around Rs. 10 crore.

Foreign Investment in Industries

†1852. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the position of foreign investment during the current financial year as compared to that of the last year, together with the extent to which the set target has been achieved during this year;

(b) the names of the industries to which foreign investment would be made during the current financial year; and

(c) the names of the industries which will have foreign investment during the next year, together with the total amount of money likely to be invested therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) Sir, the actual inflow against the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) approved during the year 1998 and 1999 is given below:

Year (Apr. to Dec.)	Amount of FDI approved (Rs. in crore)	Amount of Inflow (Rs. in crore)
1998	22625.90	9617.04
1999	17071.84	11894.75

Against the target of FDI inflow of US$ 10.00 billion per year, US$ 4.02 billion were received during the calender year 1999.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.